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PROCEEDINGS
— OF THE —
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
— OF THE —
LAWRENCE COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —
HATHORN BAPTIST CHURCH
HATHORN, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND, 1915

NEXT MEETING

PLACE—NEWHEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWHEBRON,
MISSISSIPPI.

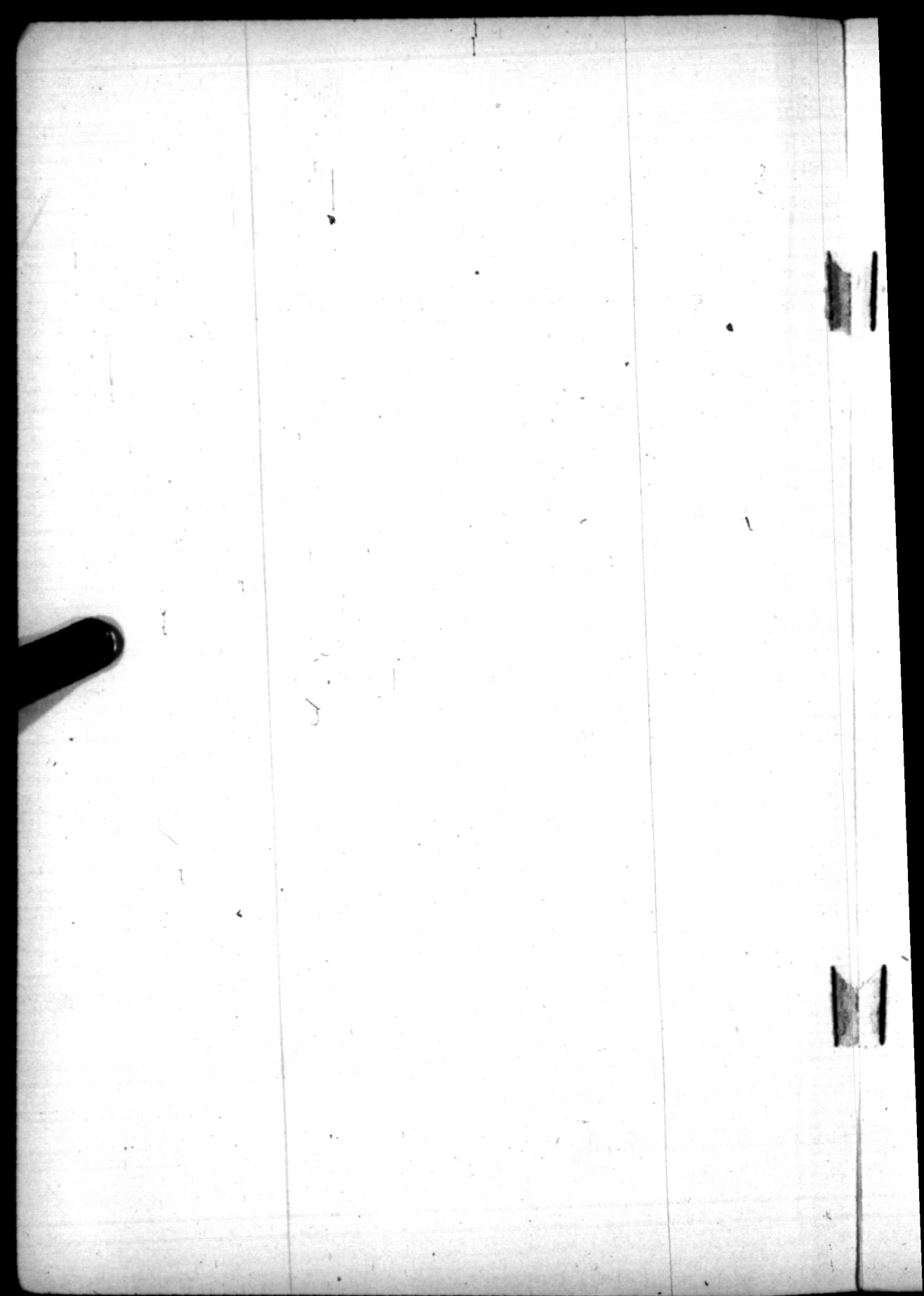
TIME—OCTOBER 13TH, 1916.

PREACHER—J. A. LEE.

OFFICERS

D. M. LEE, MODERATORMONTICELLO, MISS.
C. E. GIBSON, CLERKMONTICELLO, MISS.
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Proceedings.

Hathorn, Mississippi, October 1st 1915.

1. The Lawrence County Baptist Association held its fifteenth annual session with the Hathorn Baptist Church beginning this day at nine thirty o'clock.

2. The opening devotional service was conducted by C.H. Mize.

3. On motion the Association dispensed with the reading of the associational letters, and the delegates present were enrolled.

4. The Moderator appointed the following named brethren a committee on finance, viz., C.C. Culpepper, C.C. Sills and J.B. Newsom Jr.

5. The association went into permanent organization, by electing the following officers, viz; D.M. Lee, Moderator; C.E. Gibson, Clerk; J.M. Armstrong, Treasurer.

6. W.J. Bourn, Mack Sutton and J.I. Breland were appointed a committee on Items of Special Interest.

7. The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed: W.A. McComb, representing the Judson Centennial Movement; W.E. Farr, representing the Woman's College at Hattiesburg; J.R. Carter, representing the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson; R. Drummond, from the Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association and L.I. Thompson, from the Lincoln County Baptist Association.

8. Correspondence arranged as follows:

Jefferson Davis County Association—J.A. Lee.

Lincoln County Baptist Association—J.I. Breland.

Baptist State Convention—C.H. Mize, W.R. Gibson, J.A. Lee, J.M. Armstrong, D.M. Lee and C.E. Gibson.

9. The Moderator appointed the following additional committees:

Missions—J.A. Lee.

Religious Exercises—J.R. Carter and the deacons of the Hathorn Baptist Church.

10. J.A. Lee was elected as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

11. The report on Denominational Schools was read by C.E. Gibson, and after being discussed by W.E. Farr, a pledge subscription was taken for the Woman's College at Hattiesburg and Clarke Memorial College at Newton, and then adopted as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS

This is a very broad subject, and necessarily takes in all schools and colleges owned, controlled and supported by all denominations, but since this is a Baptist Association and being a part of the state convention, I take it, that this report should deal specially with the three institutions owned and controlled by the Baptist of Mississippi. They are:

1. Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.
2. Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss.
3. Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss.

Mississippi College, one of the first Educational Institutions to be owned and controlled by the Baptists of Mississippi, easily ranks with the best colleges in the South, and even before this great institution had any thing like sufficient buildings and equipments, it easily ranked with the leading institutions in the state, and now since the erection of the JENNINGS HALL; the beautiful and spacious Science Hall; the Self Help Club Building; the New Library Building, Mississippi College is easily becoming the leading institution of the state, and when you take in to consideration

that splendid force of instructors headed by that matchless College President, Dr. J.W. Provine; the course of study which is up to the standard, the Christian and social influence of the surrounding community I think Mississippi College one of the greatest Educational Institutions South of the Mason & Dixon line. The Board of trustees, under the leadership of Dr. W.A. McComb, successfully completed the campaign to secure subscriptions and pledges for \$200,000.00 whereby the institution was able to secure from the General Educational Board the sum of \$100,000.00. The completion of this task is regarded as one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of Christian Education in Mississippi, and as the result of which, the institution will be able to make improvements and add equipments and maintain an endowment that will enable the college to keep pace with the progress in educational matters.

It was a long time before the Baptists of Mississippi awoke to the necessity of fostering and maintaining an institution for the training of our young women—a sadly neglected need—for it is at the mothers knee that the future of our boys and girls begin, and whether for right or wrong depends upon the mothers training. It is, therefore, well that the Baptist woke up and saw the need of a Baptist college for the training of young women. The Woman's College at Hattiesburg, Miss., is now recognized as one of the leading institutions in the State, the christian influence of which is being felt far and wide. There were last year 221 girls enrolled 17 of this number were working their way through school, 10 out of the 221 were preparing themselves as Missionaries to go any where God directed.

The College has just completed a splendid Admin-

istration Building at a cost of \$50,000.00.

Clarke Memorial College under the Presidency of R.A. Venerable is doing a great work, and from the reports from that institution, there is offered a splendid chance for boys and girls to secure a good college education there. I would like to elaborate more about this institution, but space will not permit.

We propose under the blessings of God, to keep our colleges with a standard of instruction that is thorough and high. We propose further to keep the Baptist and Christian stamp upon them. Thus we shall endeavor to make them fulfill their high and holy mission.

In the name of our Master, in whose cause we sustain these institutions, we ask the people to give them their loyal patronage and support, in the following ways; (1) by sending their boys and girls to these institutions (2) by giving their means to the support of these institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. GIBSON.

12. After "Bringing in the Sheaves" had been sung, H. C. Lane read the report on Publications. It was spoken to by W. A. McComb and W. E. Farr, and then adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

"From Education as the Leading cause,
The Public character its color draws"

After a knowledge of God and his power to save, the next knowledge of most importance to Christians is a clear understanding of the work and the results accomplished by His organized forces here on earth. Too many Christians, especially Baptists, discountenance

the organized efforts of their denomination clearly because of misapprehension on their part. Therefore one of the greatest tasks of the Baptist denomination to-day is to properly inculcate into the minds of its constituency the importance of the denomination and the far reaching influence of its churches and the great work it is doing toward the evangelization of the world. A broader minded membership means a stronger campaign waged against Satan and his hosts not only here on our land, but yonder in the foreign fields where the evil one reigns all but supreme.

The agency of the denomination for this work of enlightening its constituency and thereby making them better Baptists is its various publications. Leaflets containing statistical information are gotten out by the different Boards and are free for distribution. The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal, published respectively by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards are publications that ought to be in the home of every Baptist. All these furnish information in regard to our Mission work the world over. The Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Mississippi, has the support of the State Baptist Convention and the hearty sympathy of baptist every where, and is highly prized as a denominational agent. All loyal Baptists regard this paper as a weekly messenger from God's people all over the State. Let all Baptists, who haven't already, add the Record to their list of denominational subscriptions. To do so will place in the homes an agent that will do much toward driving out other reading matter of less serious and religious nature. Last but not least would we mention the Orphanage Gem. The hearts of all baptists of Mississippi are made glad and we are made more fully to realize that "God is love" when this messenger from the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson reaches

our homes where paternal love is lavished not more freely than at this God like Institution. Let us know more of God's work through the agency of his people and we will be better servants of His.

With such information of the denominational machinery in all the various departments as the above mentioned publications may furnish, we will be in much better position to bring the interests of the denomination nearer the hearts of membership. When this is accomplished the Baptist Church will exert a mightier force against the forces of evil, and the command of Israel's King will be more fully and completely obeyed.

The question for parents in this age of the mighty conflict between the forces of good and evil is not how much but how good literature must be placed in the homes and consequently into the minds of both old and young alike. This is an age when the so called "yellow literature" is broad cast over the land and a class of literature such as our own denominational papers should invariably take its place and thus furnish the minds of the young people with the proper mental and spiritual food. Let us remember that

"The (youthful) mind, impressible and soft, with ease
Imbibes and copies what she hears and sees,
And through life's labyrinth hold fast the clue
That education (reading) gave her, false or true".

Hence we see the importance of placing in the home reading matter that furnish the proper spiritual nourishment. Let us see to it then that we not only furnish our own mind with the proper mental and spiritual stimulates, but also that we place in the hands of young christians reading matter that will render them both better christians and stauncher supporters of Christs' Kingdom here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. LANE.

13. The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a committee on nominations. Viz; W.R. Gibson, Chairman, W.J. Armstrong, W.C. Maxwell and H.C. Lane.

14. After the necessary announcements, the association adjourned until 1:30 P.M. Prayer by J.A. Lee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

15. After song service Dr. W.A. McComb led in prayer.

16. The report on Church Discipline was read by J.M. Armstrong. It was spoken to by J.M. Armstrong, J.R. Carter, J.A. Lee, W.C. Maxwell, L.I. Thompson, C.H. Mize, W.J. Armstrong and D.M. Lee, and then adopted.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Dear Brethren: I beg to submit the following as a report on church discipline.

You will agree with me when I say this is a very difficult subject to discuss and it is about as unpopular as it is difficult. It is so unpopular that it has almost gone out of use in many of our churches and because of its not being used many of our churches are coming to grief and the cause of Christ is going on crutches.

Some of our churches, I am sorry to say, do not believe in discipline and I am free to say to all such churches, they are not running on a scriptural schedule. The scriptures gives every church the power to receive members who have received Christ as their Saviour, and it also gives it power and authority to withdraw from all who are walking disorderly.

If any one in this presence is disposed to doubt this statement I refer them to 2 Thess. 3:6. "Now we

command you brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the traditions which they received of us".

There are two kinds of discipline, namely, Formative, and Corrective. Formative discipline has reference to, culture, training or developing.

If a member is disposed to do the wrong thing, or is a heretic, or unfaithful to duty let some Bro. teach him the way of the Lord more perfectly, and by so doing, he may not only retain the Bro., but also be instrumental in strengthening him in the faith.

Corrective discipline has reference to managing difficulties both private and public and the correction of offences. Usually when discipline is mentioned or suggested, the average member comes to the conclusion at once, that exclusion is ment. When in fact exclusion is the last resort.

The scriptural plan is as follows: If thy brother offend thee, go to him, and if he will not hear thee, take one or two with thee, and if he will not hear thee in the face of these, then tell it to the church.

Discipline, both formulative and corrective as absolutely necessary to the well being of any organization, and the church that expects to stand in the future and meet the demands of the gospel and thus honor God and be honored by him, must exercise bible discipline.

My brethren, let me conclude by saying the lack of good and wholesome discipline is bringing many of our churches to disrepute and shame. I, therefore, recommend that our churches return to the scriptural way of conducting church affairs, and in dealing with its membership. By doing this we will honor the Lord and be in turn honored by him.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

17. The report on Missions was presented by J.A. Lee. It was spoken to by W.A. McComb, who took a pledge subscription for the Judson Centennial Movement. The work of the three Mission Boards were also discussed by C.H. Mize, J.A. Lee and L.I. Thompson.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The word missions comes from a word that means to send and we may send, self, prayers, sympathy and money. That we may do justice to the subject, and preacher like, we will take a text, and as there is no better one in the bible than Acts. 1:8 we will use that: "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be my witness both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

This text outlines the whole mission work and gives us bible authority for all even to the names as State, Home and Foreign Missions. We regret very much to say, there is much of the o-mission spirit in many of our churches, and to my way of thinking there are three reasons for this. First, in the case of many it is a lack of regeneration. One who has not been changed in heart cannot be in sympathy with the lost sinner, and is therefore not willing to spend and be spent for the Lord and to his glory.

Second; many of those who are saved have not tarried at Jerusalem till they have received the Holy Spirit, or in other words we are so taken with the affairs of the world we have not given ourselves to prayer and consecration. We have not come to realize that our whole being belongs to the Lord through his redeeming power. Our spirits have been redeemed that we may render spiritual service to the Lord and our bodies have

been redeemed as a fit temple for the indwelling of the spirit. Yes we have failed to receive Christ as our Lord as well as our Saviour.

Receiving Christ as our Saviour is absolutely necessary to our becoming a child of God, and receiving him as Lord is necessary to our becoming efficient in the work of the Lord.

STATE MISSIONS.

You will observe that I have reversed the order in stating the mission work. The usual order is, Foreign, Home and State. I think the order in which I have it is better and for the following reasons: First I believe State Missions to be the foundation of all missions and surely the foundation of a house should be layed first. Second, as State Missions prosper so will the others and as it lags so will the others.

The first association organized in Mississippi was the Mississippi Association and was organized in 1807. Fifteen years later, or in 1822, the general association was organized. This body put one or more men in the field to look after the mission cause and this may be considered as the first real State Mission work.

Standing today at the close of 1915, and looking back over the ninty three years of State Mission work we see much that has been accomplished.

Our State board was organized in 1874, and Bro. T.J. Walne was its first secretary serving 9 years. Bro. Lewis Ball was then chosen and served two years, and was succeeded by J.B. Gambrell who served two years. Then J.T. Christian who served six years, and was succeeded by Bro. A.V. Rowe who gave the state twenty one years of faithful and efficient service, being succeeded by Bro. J.B. Lawrence, who is our present

efficient and worthy secretary.

Since the organization of this board in 1874, we find that, 469, churches that once received help are now self-supporting and even contributing to the State Mission cause. The aggregate of all churches helped by the board 729. The number baptized by missionaries who have been employed by the board is 49,582.

Reviewing these facts gives us courage and we thank the Lord for his goodness to us and for what he has allowed us to do, and taking a new start we are determined to do yet greater things for him.

We recommend the Baptist Record, as being good State Mission literature and think it should be in every Baptist home in the state.

HOME MISSIONS

As State Missions is basal, or forming the foundation of all our mission work and thus occupying the first place in the mission structure, so Home Missions occupies a second place. We are not only to begin at Jerusalem but we are to go into all Judea and Samaria also. While State Missions is confined to the state, Home Missions reaches out to all the states of which the Southern Baptist Convention is composed and also includes Cuba and the Canal Zone.

Our Home Mission board is located at Atlanta Ga. having 15 local members and in addition to this it has one vice president in each of the states composing the Southern Baptist Convention. Bro. B.D.Gray is its very efficient secretary and it engages in the following work. 1. Aiding weak churches. Supporting Mountain Schools. Evangelizing. Aiding in church building, working with the American Indians. Work among the Negroes, work in the cities. Work among the Foreigner

who comes to our shores. Sustains the work in Cuba and the Canal Zone.

This board is doing a great work and is destined to do a greater work. It publishes the Home Field, a very efficient and needy journal and should be in all of our Baptist homes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As we are not to stay in Jerusalem but are to go in to all Judea and Samaria also, so we are not to stay in all Judea and Samaria, but are to go into the uttermost parts of the earth. If we have a mission structure well founded on State and Home Missions we can and may increase its height at any time and as we increase the height of the home structure, it will enable us to see further into the foreign field, and also be more able to meet the needs of the foreign work.

If our State and Home Mission structure is faulty, so will be the whole mission structure both at home and abroad. If we try to reach and develop the foreign field before we do the home field, the whole thing will become top heavy, and eventually will go to pieces. Our Foreign Mission work is under the contrall of a board elected by the Southern Baptist Convention and is located at Richmond Va. and has Bro. J.F. Love as secretary. The board is doing work in, China; Africa; Italy; Brazile; Japan; Argentina; Mexico; and Urugua.

This board has done a great work, and as we are just now reaching the sun rise of our great mission work we are looking for greater things to be done.

However, the churches may tie the hands of this and all of our boards by not coming up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

The board publishes the Foreign Mission Journal, a

very helpful journal indeed and should be taken and read by our Baptist folks. May the Lord bless his work all over the land.

JUDSON CENTENNIAL.

In May 1912 the Southern Baptist Convention launched a movement to raise \$1,250,000.00 to equip the mission work on the Foreign Field to be known as the Judson Centennial Fund. This work is progressing nicely and up to date the Board has secured in cash and subscriptions about \$1,000,000.00, and we are now on the last \$250,000.00.

The Southern Baptist Convention has already served notice that this campaign must close in May 1916, whether the total amount has been secured or not. However, the Baptist of the South, numbering 2,500,000, can not afford to let this movement fail, and we recommend that this association endorse this movement and pledge its corporation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

J.A.Lee.

18. The Moderator here appointed the following additional committees:

Apportionment. J.M.Armstrong, chairman, W.J. Armstrong, Mack Sutton. S.V.Toller, I.N.Bass, H.C. Lane, L.S.Polk, J.I.Breland, W.R.Gibson, W.D.Fortenberry, John Newson Jr., W.D.Carr and Wm.H.Wilson.

Ministerial Relief. W.C.Maxwell.

Laymen's Missionary Movement. Alex Davis.

Sunday School. W.J.Armstrong.

19. "We Shall See The King Some Day" was sung, after which J.R.Carter, chairman of the committee on devotional exercise, made a partial report, which was the selection of C.H.Mize to preach the Asso-

ciational Sermon, at 7 o'clock.

20. After the usual announcements the Association adjourned, with prayer by J.A.Lee.

EVENING SESSION.

21. The Associational Sermon was preached by C.H.Mize at the appointed hour.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

22. The opening devotional service was conducted by J.A.Lee, after which J.E.Barnett led the association in prayer.

23. The following brethren from the Jefferson Davis County Association were recognized and welcomed: J.E.Barnett, C.R.Dale, J.O.Buckley, J.C.Burkett, R.S.Miller and E.Hanlan.

24. The Journal of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

25. D.M.Lee was elected Alternate Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

26. Upon motion the Orphanage report was set for 11:30 o'clock.

26. The report on Ministerial Education was presented by L.I.Thompson. After a discussion participated in by L.I.Thompson, J.E.Barnett, J.R.Carter and J.A.Lee, a pledge subscription was taken, as follows: Arm, \$5.00; Bethel, \$5.00; Calvary, \$10.00; Crooked Creek, \$5.00; Hathorn, \$5.00; Monticello, \$10.00; New Zion, \$2.50; Newhebron, \$15.00; Oma, \$2.50; Oakvale, \$5.00; Smith's Ferry, \$2.00; Sontag, \$5.00; Silver Creek, \$5.00; A cash collection of \$3.65 was then taken, after which the report was adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Every true Baptist of Mississippi is proud of our numerical strength. We are proud to think that we are not only second to none other in the state, but are far in advance. We are greater than any other evangelical church in the state. There is nothing that has helped more to give us this great numerical strength than our educated ministry, and if we are to continue to grow in numbers we must educate our ministers.

Many young men have felt the call of God to preach his truth, but they are unable to educate themselves. If they get an education they must have help, and that help must come from us. If we are to have a ministry of which we can think of with a feeling of pride we must help educate our young preachers.

We would recommend that each church take a collection and forward the amount collected to Dr. J.B. Lawrence, Jackson, Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

L.I.Thompson.

28. A.H.Dale of the Jefferson Davis County Association, J.E.Lowe of the Lincoln County Association and E.C.Bennett of the Walthall County Baptist Association, were recognized and welcomed.

29. L.I.Thompson presented for Alex Davis the report on Laymen's Missionary Movement, and after being spoken to by C.R.Dale, J.A.Lee and J.R.Carter was then adopted.

LAYMENS MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

There is no phase of the churches activities that has greater opportunities and possibilities. The Layman's Missionary Movement simply means christian

laymen, who have gotten a vision of the greatness of the love and grace of God, and the needs of the world.

Our men are no less interested in the advancement of the Kingdom, nor no less consecrated to their Lord and Master than our ladies. Our ladies are doing a great work through their W.M.U., but our men are going to do a greater work through their Missionary Movement.

It is true that the Laymen's Missionary Movement is more than a hundred years old, yet it is only in the infancy of its great work, still its effects are manifested in the deepened interest and the rapidly increasing contributions to the cause of Missions.

Your committee would recommend that a committee of five be appointed, one from each Supervisors District, for the coming year, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the pastors and churches in holding Missionary meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

J.A.DAVIS.

30. The moderator appointed a man from each Supervisors' District a committee on the Layman's Missionary Movement, as suggested in the report. The committee is as follows, Beat one T.C.McCullough; Beat two, W.R.Gibson, Beat three C.H.Conn; Beat four, Dr. L.R. Bush; Beat five, J.M.Armstrong.

31. The report on the Baptist Hospital was read by J.R.Carter. It was then spoken to by J.R.Carter and J.A.Lee, then adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

The work of our Hospital has been greatly blessed this year. The new building, one of the best and most substantial fire proof buildings in the State, has been

completed, which we entered last November. It furnishes comfortable accomidation for fifty patients at a time, and is furnished with all the necessary equipments for the best care and treatment of all who seek its help. Its doors are open to all reputable Physicians and to patients of all denominations and to those of no creed whether they be pay or charity patients.

During the year nearly 500 people have been nursed and treated through spells of sickness. Many of these were charity patients, being cared for without money or price, but cared for as tenderly and efficiently as if they were paying the regular price.

We would recommend that our Baptist people especially, should patronize our Hospital, and that they pay when possible the regular price, and that the communities from which charity patient are sent, make up and send in as much of the said patients expense as possible.

We would recommend also that our churches, Sunday Schools and W.M.U.'s, raise collections for the Hospital during the year, just as we do for other charity institutions, and that all who have subscribed to the Hospital, see to it, that their subscription is paid when due.

Respectfully Submitted.

J.R. CARTER.

32. W.C.Maxwell presented the report on Ministerial Relief, but as the hour for the report on the Baptist Orphanage had arrived, the report was left open for discussion to be taken up in the afternoon.

33. D.M.Lee preseted the report on the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, and after being discussed by D.M.Lee, W.C.Maxwell, J.R.Carter, C.R.Dale, W.J.Armstrong, J.M.Armstrong J.A.Lee, was adopted. Pending its adoption, however, a cash collection to the amount of \$13.50 was

taken. On motion the association fixed the day before Thanksgiving for carrying such offerings are customary to the depot for shipment on the various roads. A special car will be run on the several roads to take such offerings to the Orphanage.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Eighteen years ago, the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage was established, to provide a home for homeless children. Since then, about 700 children have received the benefit of the Orphanage, many of them reared in the Home.

Hundreds of them who spent a longer or shorter time, are now out in the different communities of the State and other states, and in the main are making good. We have now in the Home 230 children, with many others wanting to come, for whom we have no room.

Our children attend school seven or eight months each year. Out of school hours, and during vacation they are taught to do all manner of domestic work. Our girls are doing the cooking, general house work, washing, ironing and sewing. Our boys are doing the hauling, general farm work, caring for the stock and running the machinery. Some of the children each year get the training in the Printing Office, getting out the Gem each month and doing some job work.

Our home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. A goodly number of Sunday Schools are now sending regularly each month, many of them five dollars which supports a child in the Home. Some are sending more and some less.

We would suggest that all of our Sunday Schools adopt the plan of giving something each month to the

support of our orphan children. Let our women continue to send in boxes of clothing for girls and boys from two to sixteen years old, and let our churches send in all kinds of provisions from the farm, and from the store, everything that is needed in the ordinary home, taking advantage whenever possible of the Thanksgiving cars, which will carry everything free of charge. We suggest that a Thanksgiving collection be taken in each church on the regular preaching day in November.

Pray for the Home and its management.

D.M.LEE, Committee.

34. After the usual announcements the association adjourned for one hour. C.H.Mize led in the adjourning prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

35. After singing, J.E.Barnett led the association in prayer.

36. The discussion of the report on Ministerial Relief, brought over from the morning session, was resumed, and after being discussed was then adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Sustention or Ministerial Relief. Which of these terms shall we use in the future? One means a little help once a year, the other means a supply of all the necessities of life.

We have a home for the old Soldiers where their every want and comfort is supplied and no one objects to it, but where is the home of the Veteran of the Cross, who has spent his life in the effort to better and save humanity. Brethren shall we think and do less for our old discharged leaders who fought so faithful

in the army of our Lord all these years, whom we may thank more than any one else for the development of christianity. Let us wake up and do our duty to-wards our old soldiers of the cross, by supplying their every need as long as God permits them to live in this world of service and prove to them our sympathy and affection by our works.

We, therefore, recommend that each church in this association appoint a committee of one, whose duty it shall be to look after this matter during the month of December 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

W.C. MAXWELL.

37, The report on Woman's Work was presented by Mrs. D.T. Langston, after having been spoken to by C.R. Dale and L.I. Thompson, was adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

"For she hath wrought a good work."

Let this be our motto as we prayerfully consider what the Father would have us do. In order to accomplish more good, Southern Baptist women have organized themselves into a systematic working society, called the Woman's Missionary Union, the purpose of which is to educate the modern Baptist family in the all important subject of missions. The graded Woman's Missionary Union, consisting of the "Sunbeams" the "Royal Ambassadors", "Girls Auxillary", "Young Woman's Auxillary" and the Woman's Missionary Society, all together strive for the same advancement along Missionary lines that has been made by the graded Sunday School in the line of Bible study.

Since Woman's Work has been systematically or-

ganized, much good has been accomplished in local charities, more money has been raised for supporting Home, State, and Foreign Missions. Our own denominational Schools and Colleges have been financially and spiritually aided and our Orphans have been fed and clothed; Possibly they have not received the help we are praying to be able to give them, still our organization is striving to do more and more each year, and as our women study the needs of the Mission Fields, greater work will be done for the glory of God.

The Woman's Missionary Union is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and it does its work through the various boards and its Mission Training School. Head quarters were established at Baltimore, officers elected and an Executive Committee chosen to conduct the business of the Union between its sessions. The Woman's Missionary Union has been enabled to do greater good, through the medium of the Baptist publications and through its own Missionary Magazine.

When gentle Mary broke the costly ointment over the feet of Jesus and lovingly and tenderly bathed them with her tears and dried them with her hair, she gave to us the greatest of all lessons—First she taught us to give of our worldly possessions, the very best to Him, second that personal heart service is the best to render unto our Lord and last of all that humility, gentle humility, must be the manner in which we pay homage to Him—.

What are we giving to Him?

How are we serving Him?

May God help us to be able to say,

"I have glorified Thee on the earth;

I have finished the work thou gavest me to do"

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D.T. LANGSTON.

38. The report on Temperance was presented by W.R. Gibson, which after having been discussed by W.R. Gibson, C.R. Dale and E. Hanlan, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

When we begin to study the great Temperance question and to review to some extent what has been accomplished during the last twenty-five years, we have great reason to rejoice and to be profoundly grateful for what has been accomplished in the interest of prohibition. The summers have been hot; the winters have been long and cold, yet the battle has been going on. While we are permitted to enjoy the benefits of Statutory prohibition, yet we find that intoxicating liquors are shipped into the state and men defy the law and buy and sell in the form of the blindtiger, as he is commonly called. I can not conceive of anything that is more calculated to destroy the christian's influence, the peace and happiness of Church and State, than the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. It is an enemy of peace and order; it drags men down to the lowest pit, it brings sorrow and shame upon mother, wife and daughter; it is the cloud that shadows the faces of thousands of children; it is this demon that digs many untimely graves and sends the souls of men to an endless hell. Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor; manhood in its strenght. It breaks fathers' hearts and bereaves the dearest mother; it produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death and not life. I believe that intemperance, especially the drink habit, and cigarette smoking, are doing more to corrupt society and degrade the boys and young men of our country than possibly all other agencies combined. In view of the great evil that intemperance is doing, and the great amount of good that could be accomplished if this

evil was banished entirely from the country, the committee earnestly recommends the total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage. If we expect to be winners of lost souls and let our lights shine before the world, we must cut loose from this monster evil. Brethren, let us ever be on our guard; let us be faithful, and put forth every effort to stop the social dram drinking among our church members. Let us touch not, handle not the unclean thing. For "wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and who soever is deceived thereby is not wise".

Respectfully,

W.R. GIBSON.

39. J.M. Armstrong, chairman of the Apportionment committee made the following report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We your committee on Apportionment beg leave to submit the following report. We recommend that the churches of this association pay the following amount.

Churches	Expense Del.S.B.C.	Missions
Antioch	\$1 00.....	\$35 00
Arm	1 50.....	25 00
Bethel	1 00.....	25 00
Bismark	1 00.....	10 00
Calvary	3 50.....	200 00
Crooked Creek	2 00.....	65 00
Carmel	1 00.....	10 00
Hathorn	1 50	50 00
Jayess	1 00.....	20 00
Monticello.....	2 00.....	150 00
New Zion	1 00,	15 00

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Newhebron	3 50.....	350 00
New Hope	1 00.....	10 00
Oma	1 00.....	25 00
Oakvale	1 00.....	35 00
Providence	2 00.....	40 00
Shiloh	1 00.....	25 00
Smth's Ferry	1 00.....	25 00
Silver Creek	1 00.....	20 00
Sontag	2 00.....	65 00
Tilton	50.....	10 00
Total.....	\$31 00.....	\$1210 00

Respectfully submitted.

J.M.ARMSTRONG, CHAIRMAN.

40. The report on Items of Special Interest was presented by W.J.Bourn, Chairman. and adopted as follows:

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

We, your committee on Items of Special Interest beg to make the following report:

Pastors Salary.....	\$3,095.00
Building and Repairs.....	434.12
Visiting Minister.....	393.12
Incidental.....	148.29
Sunday School Expenses.....	213.60
To the Poor.....	48.60
State Missions.....	333.84
Home Missions.....	287.14
Foreign Missions.....	365.03
Other objects.....	373.83
Orphanage ...	179.16
Colleges and Schools.....	60.00
Ministerial Education	9.65

Ministerial Relief.....	2.00
Minutes and Clerk.....	45.50
Baptist Hospital.....	34.10
Miscellaneous.....	79.53
Total.....	\$6,102.51
Number of Sunday Schools.....	22.
Number of Pupils.....	1261.
Number of Teachers.....	140.
Church Members.....	2778,

Respectfully submitted,

W.J. Bourn.

Mack Sutton.

J.I. Breland.

41. W.J. Armstrong presented for W.R. Gibson the report on Nominations, which was adopted as follows;

NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report.

1. That this association hold its next session with the Newhebron Baptist Church, at Newhebron, Miss., on Friday October 13th, 1916. Session to open at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

2. That Bro, J.A. Lee preach the next Introductory Sermon, and that Bro. C.H. Mize be the alternate.

3. That the following named brethren be appointed to write reports on the various subjects to be discussed at the next association.

Missions

Publications

Orphanage

Ministerial Education

Dr. L. R. Bush.

D. M. Lee.

W. J. Bourn.

John B. Dale.

Church Discipline	J. I. Breland.
Ministerial Relief	Mack Sutton.
Temperance	C. H. Mize.
Woman's Work	Miss Connie O'Mara
Laymen's Missionary Movement	B. M. Russel,
Mississippi Baptist Hospital	P. Z. Reid.
Sunday School	J. B. Riley

4. That a sermon on Baptist Doctrine be preached by J. A. Lee.

5. That Miss Gertie O'Mara be re-appointed as County President of the W. M. U., and that any church desiring her assistance, pay her postage and traveling expenses to and from such churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GIBSON, CHAIRMAN.

42. Upon motion it was ordered that those churches which have not reported to this association, may do so at any time before the minutes go to the press, and that the clerk be authorized to receive the money from said churches, which the various church clerks may have on hand for associational purposes.

43. The report on Sunday Schools was presented by W. J. Armstrong, which, after having been discussed by E. Harlan was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is of such great importance and the result from studying God's word therein, and the opportunity to teach the word of God, that it should be found in every church in this association, and not only in this association but throughout the land.

The Sunday School is such a great factor and is of so much importance in the development of the christian life and character, that it should find a warm place in

every heart, and should be attended by the church member on every Sunday.

The purpose of the Sunday School as we understand it, is the place to meet and study God's word and to learn of him, whom to know, is life eternal. Therefore it should be the desire of every christian to enlist every one, both old and young to attend the Sunday School, every Sunday. Next to the preaching of the gospel, is the teaching of the young children the plan of salvation. In the Sunday School we form opinions of the great plan as taught in God's word, and where impressions for good are made. This being true we should always look out for those as Teacher and Officers, whose hearts are filled with the love of God, and who are apt in teaching. When we remember that the boys and girls of to-day are soon to be the members of the church, and it is to them we must look to carry on the great work of evangelizing the nations of the earth.

The Sunday School has been the means of accomplishing much good in the past, but we are only in its infancy. Therefore we should endeavor to get every one in the Sunday School and to secure the very best help within our reach, so that we should learn more about the great book of books, which should be the rule and guide of our faith.

Respectfully submitted,

W.J.ARMSTRONG.

44. J.R.Carter made the final report on Religious exercises, which was, that J.A.Lee would preach at 7:30 o'clock tonight, and that J.E.Lowe would preach at 11:00 o'clock to morrow.

45. The following report was made by C.C.Culpepper, chairman of the Finance Committee, Which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your committee on finance beg to report that we have received from the churches comprising this association for the purposes for which it was given the following amounts:

State Missions.....	\$47.20
Minutes and Clerk.....	36.85
Orphanage.....	13.50
Total	\$97.55

For which we hold Treasurers receipt.

We have also examined the report of T.C. Carr, Treasurer and find that he has vouchers for all money paid out, with a balance on hand of \$1.50.

C.C. CULPEPER, CHAIRMAN

C.C. SILLS

J.B. NEWSOM JR.

46. The following resolutions introduced by J.M. Armstrong and J.I. Breland, were adopted,

"Resolved that the clerk be and he is hereby authorized to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of this association, and that he be allowed the sum of Twenty Five (\$25.00) dollars and the necessary postage and express, for his services, and the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay for same when the work is done".

"Whereas the Members of the Hathorn Baptist Church and the community at large have been so kind and courteous and have with such unbounded kindness and hospitality, thrown open their hearts and homes to our high comfort and joy, therefore be it,

Resolved, that we do hereby extend and record our abundant and profound thanks to one and all for their

unspeakable and generous hospitality.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Newhebron Baptist Church, at Newhebron, on the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad, on Friday October 13th, 1916 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

Before adjournment, the congregation stood and joined in singing "Amazing Grace", after which J.A. Lee led in the closing prayer.

D.M.LEE, Moderator.

C.E.GIBSON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W.R. Weber.....	Wesson, Miss.
Ted Polk	Monticello, Miss.
J.A. Lee.....	Silver Creek, Miss.
C.H. Mize.....	Silver Creek, Miss.
J.M. Ritchey	Monticello, Miss.
N.A. Edmonds.	Newhebron, Miss.
J.H. Gunn.....	Oak Vale, Miss.
R.J. Boone.....	Wanilla, Miss.

REPORT OF W.M.U's.

Arm—Mrs. Lizzie Atwood, President, Arm, Miss

Number of Members 18; Orphanage \$2 40; Pastors

Salary, \$36.00. Total.....\$38.40.

Calvary—Miss Gertie O'Mara, President; Silver

Creek, Miss; Number Members 26; State

Missions, \$30.90; Home Missions \$30.80;

Foreign Missions, \$20.80; Orphanage

\$43.90; Miss. College \$10.00; Other

Objects \$151.80. Total.....\$287.90

Crooked Creek—Miss Oma Newsom, Silver Creek, Miss;

Home Missions \$2.00; Foreign Missions

\$2.50 Total.....\$4.50.

Monticello—Mrs. W.C. Maxwell, President, Monticello
Miss. Number of Members 31; State Missions
\$5.00; Home Missions \$5.00; Foreign
Missions \$5.00; Training School \$2.00;
Other objects \$145.00. Total.....\$162.45.

Newhebron—Mrs. L.R. Bush, Newhebron, Miss. Num-
ber of Members, 15; State Missions \$30.00;
Home Missions \$22.50; Foreign Missions
\$22.50; Orphanage \$10.00; Training School
\$10.00; Hospital \$13.10; Other Objects
\$48.80. Total.....\$156.90.

Oakvale—Mrs. L. M. Richardson, Oakvale, Miss.
Number of Members. 13. State Missions
\$1.00; Home Missions \$5.00; Foreign
Missions \$5.00; Pastor's Salary \$33.00;
Other objects \$5.00; Total \$49.00.

Sontag—Officers not given. State Missions \$1.00
Other Objects \$8.00 Total.....\$9.00.

Silver Creek—Miss Annie Fortenberry, Silver Creek.
Number of Members 27 (No report of
contributions.)

Total contributions... ..\$702.45.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES	Hospital	School Expense	Missions	Orphanage	Totals	SUNDAY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICE	SECRETARIES	POST OFFICE
Arm.....		\$9 97	\$9 35	\$4 70	\$17 82	W J Armstrong	Arm, Miss.	R G Atwood.	Arm Miss.
Antioch.....		4 53	3 90		\$13 13	R H Townsend	Brookhaven Miss.	Clara Thames	Brookhaven Miss.
Bismark.....		8 00			\$8 00	G M Price	Jayess Miss	Effie Price	Jayess Miss
Bethel.....							Monticello Miss.	J H Hedgepeth	Monticello Miss.
Carmel.....		2 20	16 28	16 42	\$32 20	D Glover	Silver Creek Miss.	Lurline Armstrong	Silver Creek
Calvary.....		32 15	14 38		\$64 53	W R Rawls	Silver Creek Miss.	Betsy Dale	Silver Creek
Crooked Creek.....		9 45			23 81	W J Hamilton	Silver Creek Miss.	Estelle Cliburn	Silver Creek
Hathorn.....		10 53		5 00	\$15 53	E C Newsum	Hathorn Miss	Hettie Hathorn	Hathorn Miss
Jayess.....		7 45	4 11		\$11 56	M D Williamson	Jayess Miss	C F Carney	Jayess Miss
Monticello.....		22 50	52 17	40 00	\$114 67	J F M Rowell	Monticello Miss	E E Selman	Monticello Miss
New Zion.....						T C McCullough	Monticello Miss R 1	Mittie L Maxwell	Monticello Miss R 1
Newhebron.....		41 11	35 91	31 00	124 02	J R Cox	Newhebron Miss.	J R Cole	Newhebron Miss.
New Hope.....	\$15 00	6 00			\$5 00	Dr L R Bush	Monticello Miss	Janie Catt	Monticello Miss.
Ona.....						E V Catt	Ona Miss	Ida Byrd	Ona Miss
Oakvale.....		24 44			\$24 44	J M Bird	Oakvale Miss.	Edna Jones	Oakvale Miss.
Providence.....		9 22			\$9 22	Ben Barnett	Jayess Miss	L A Andrews	Ruth Miss.
Smith & Ferry.....		5 25	1 00		\$3 25	J I Breland	Vanilla Miss.		
Sontag.....		13 40	10 00	4 85	\$28 25	W F Byrne	Sontag Miss.	H F Buckley	Sontag Miss
Silver Creek.....		2 50	50		\$3 40	D G Langston	Silver Creek Miss	Annie Fortenberry	Silver Creek Miss.
Shiloh.....		6 00			\$6 00	R W White	Sontag Miss	R S Smith	Sontag Miss
Tilton.....						A W York	Tilton Miss	Pearl Summers	Tilton Miss
Totals.....	\$15 00	212 70	148 98	101 97	478 63				

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES	TIME OF MEETING	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE
Arm.....	First Sunday	W P Sandler	Mendenhall, Mis.	W J Bourn	Arm.....
Antioch.....	2nd	W R Webber	Wesson	Killer Townsend	Monticello
Bismark.....	4th	Van Walker	Knox	P M Price	Jayess
Bethel.....	1st	W S Rolgers	Crestal springs Mis.	W J Wilson	Monticello
Carmel.....	2nd	Ted Polk	Monticello	M S Davis	Monticello
Calvary.....	2nd & 4th	J A Lee	Silver Creek	J M Armstrong	Silver Creek
Crooked Creek	4th	N A Edmonds	Newhelron	Mack Sutton	Silver Creek
Hathorn.....	3rd	J R Carter	Jackson	W R Dale	Goss
Jayess.....	2nd	C S Callender	Knox	C F Carney	Jayess
Monticello	4th	J E Barnett	Prentiss	C E Gibson	Monticello
New Zion.....	4th	W R Webber	Wesson	C N Carr	Monticello
Newhelron	1st & 3rd	N A Edmonds	Newhelron	O P Izard	Newhelron
New Hope.....	4th	J E Barnett	Monticello	H E Nelson	Monticello
Oma.....	4th	J E Kinsey	Goss	H E Little	Oma
Oakvale.....	4th	J R Davis	Tyertown	Wade Polk	Oakvale
Providence.....	3rd	A F Davis	Nob	Ben Barnett	Verna
Smith's Ferry	2nd	L I Thompson	Summit	H A Wilson	Vanilla
Sontag.....	4th	I H Anding	Newhelron	H F Buckley	Sontag
Silver Creek	2nd	R Drummond	Oakvale	D G Langston	Silver Creek
Shiloh.....	1st	J H Gunn	Florence	A C Dickens	Sontag
Tifton.....	1st	J W Steen		J R Sauls	Tifton

GENERAL FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Paid for Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Visiting Ministers	Building and Repairs	The Poor	Other Objects	Incidentals	Ministerial Ed.	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Sunday S. Expenses	Schools and Colleges	Miss. Hospital	Sunday School Missions	Total
ARM	\$2 30	\$125 00	\$4 25	\$4 25	\$25 00				\$1 30			\$2 40		\$7 97			\$9 35	\$181 72
ANTIUCH	3 00	110 00	4 45	4 25								14 95		4 53			3 90	146 38
BISMAK	90	50 00			83 00				18 00					8 00				66 90
BETHEL	2 60	100 00	8 25		10 00													138 85
CARMEL	1 50													2 20				3 70
CALVARY	4 00	500 00	59 25	69 25	135 96	40 50			151 80	\$24 11	2 65	66 53		32 15	\$15 00	\$5 00		1103 50
CROOKED CREEK	1 50	100 00	20 94	20 44	10 91	\$26 25								9 45				192 15
HATHORN	4 00	125 00	14 95	14 50	25 51					7 85		7 28		10 43				210 92
JAYESS	1 05	150 00	4 40	5 80	5 80	21 00								7 45			4 11	199 61
MONTICELLO	10 00	325 00	75 12	20 00	53 34	105 56	333 62		145 45	30 00	7 00	40 00	2 00	22 50	30 00		52 17	1223 76
NEW ZION	1 05	50 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 45												67 50
NEWHEBRON	2 70	500 00	123 00	100 00	9 40	13 00			48 50	54 43		41 00		41 11	10 00	23 10		1017 94
NEW HOPE	75		2 50		12 50				2 53			3 00		6 00				34 65
OAKVALE		75 00	3 00	2 20	15 00	23 40	120 00			3 40		2 00		24 44				100 88
PROVIDENCE		150 00	16 67	15 00	13 00	19 80								9 22				273 91
SMITH'S FERRY	1 75	100 00	7 50	7 50	6 55									5 25	5 00	1 00		295 17
SONTAG	3 00	200 00	12 50	12 50	21 50	11 30	10 50	7 00	5 00	8 50		2 00		13 40			10 00	139 35
SILVER CREEK	3 00	100 00	1 75		9 15	34 05			90									317 20
SHILOH		125 00			5 00			10 00		20 00				6 00				162 35
SHILTON	25	60 00	1 50	3 10	4 22													166 00
TOTAL	\$45 50	\$3035 00	385 03	237 14	333 84	333 12	434 12	\$43 60	373 83	143 23	9 65	179 16	2 00	213 60	\$60 00	\$34 10	\$79 53	\$6102 51

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Ordained Ministers	Baptized	Restored	Received by Letter	Total Increase	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Decrease	Membership this Year	Membership last Year	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers and Officers	No. of Pupils	Total Enrollment	No. Church members in School	Months kept Open	Baptisms from Sunday School
Arm		5		8	13													
Antioch	1	14	3	12	29	13	2	3	18	141	186	1	6	56	62	40	12	4
Bismark				1	2					90	89	2	10	60	70	20		5
Bethel	1	4		1	5	2	1		3	119	117							
Carmel		8		4	12	1		2	3	68	60	1	6	42	48	25	6	
Calvary	2	6		18	24	10	1	11	235	276	1	11	140	151		12		
Ckooked Creek		20	2	9	31	5	4	9	248	226	2	7	105	112			10	
Hathorn		12		3	15	1			1	161	142	1	10	85	108			
Jayess				3	3	3	1	1	5	147	147	1	6	84	90	41	12	
Monticello		21		20	41	15	1	16	184	150	1	11	115	126		12	19	
New Zion		5	1	5	11	11	1	12	61	78	1	5	30	35	20	9	3	
Newhebron	1	7		11	18	13		13	258	252	1	11	90	101	12	7		
New Hope		1	5	1	7	1	1	1	3	118	115							
Oma		2		6	8		1		1	56	46	1	6	40	46	8	12	
Oakvale	1	16		5	21	12			12	97	87	1	9	68	72	37	12	8
Providence			2		2	8			8	287	278	1	8	57	65	12		
Smith's Ferry	1	1			1					45	51	1	4	30	34	9	12	
Sontag		3		6	9	2			2	66	58	1	8	52	60	25	12	
Silver Creek		11	5	3	19	1			2	112	96	1	5	27	33	24	12	2
Shiloh										160	160	1	5	44	49	30	9	1
Tilton		3		4	7	5	1	2	2	69	43	1	6	63	69			
Totals	8	144	14	120	278	105	6	19	130	2778	2715	22	140	1261	1410	310		68

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

- 1 Arm—W.J.Bourn; W.J.Armstrong.
- 2 Antioch—
- 3 Bismark—
- 4 Bethel—Wm.H.Wilson.
- 5 Carmel—
- 6 Calvary—J.A.Lee, C.H.Mize, J.M.Armstrong,
C.C.Culpepper.
- 7 Crooked Creek—C.C.Sills; Mack Sutton.
- 8 Hathorn—S.V.Toler; Robert Barnes; Ollie
Toler; Reece Branton.
- 9 Jayess—
- 10 Monticello—D.M.Lee; W.C.Maxwell; I.N.Bass;
C.E.Gibson.
- 11 New Zion—W.D.Carr; Eddie Russell.
- 12 Newhebron—J.B.Rodgers; C.B.Dampier; J.E.
Culpepper; H.C.Lane.
- 13 New Hope—
- 14 Oma—John B.Newsom Jr.
- 15 Oakvale—D.N.Langston; L.S.Polk; B.F.
Speights.
- 16 Providence—
- 17 Smith's Ferry—J.I.Breland.
- 18 Sontag—W.R.Gibson.
- 19 Silver Creek—W.M.Langston; W.D.Forten-
berry.
- 20 Shiloh—
- 21 Tilton—